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Dear Atty. Hesse:

As a small business owner who has seen a two-fold increase in business this past year, I am supportive of the tentative settlement in United States versus Microsoft. My office uses Microsoft products and we have only good things to say about their products, services, and pricing.

On many levels it seems like the "American Way" is in jeopardy when we try to punish people or companies for being successful. The markets have decided that Microsoft products and services are superior to their competition and litigation should not hold them back from continuing to bring quality products to the public, especially in the present economic situation.

The anti-trust laws were meant to protect consumers and were not meant to be a means to control a competitive industry. The Microsoft competitors are looking for overzealous government intervention instead of searching for innovative products and services of their own. The last thing we as consumers and business people need are lobbyists and lawyers setting technology and industry policy.

Now that over \$30,000,000 of our tax dollars have been spent to help companies battle their competition, it is time for us to support this tentative settlement. It addresses the proper items and does not interfere with industry competition. The battle belongs in the market-place not in the courts.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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